



Rep. Alex Atwood
R-179

Biography

Alex Atwood was recently elected to the position of State Representative, House District 179, and begins his term in the Georgia House of Representatives on January 10th, 2011.

Representative Atwood learned the meaning of service as a law enforcement professional, first on the local level and later as a Special Agent for the federal government, serving in four Executive Branch Agencies throughout his career. Mr. Atwood served as the Chief of Legal Training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick. In that capacity, he successfully led all legal training for literally thousands of law enforcement officers and agents.

Representative Atwood's executive experience also includes the private sector where he worked as the Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for Alpha Protective Services, Inc., a 700-employee Georgia-based security corporation. In this capacity, he led a diverse, multi-million dollar security operation throughout the United States, providing security for federal government installations and the National Football League.

Representative Atwood also served for 34 years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in both ground and aviation positions. He initially enlisted as a private. In 1982, as a Captain, he was selected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in a national competition as the Marine Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year. Representative Atwood retired at the rank of full Colonel.

Prior to his election, Representative Atwood also served as a Magistrate Judge and practicing attorney in Glynn County, Georgia. He has been a member of the United States Attorneys Committee for Project Safe Neighborhood, an Adjunct Professor at the International Law Enforcement Academy in Budapest, Hungary, and a member of the Legal Advisors Section to the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Representative Atwood earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia State University in Criminal Justice. He later received a Masters of Arts in International Relations from Webster College, located in St. Louis, MO, a Juris Doctorate (Cum Laude) from John Marshall School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, and is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, VA.

In addition to serving with several civic and charitable organizations, Representative Atwood is a member of the Military Officers Association of America and the Navy League. He is also a member of the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, and has served as the former President of the Glynn County Bar Association.

Alex and his wife, Cynthia, are the proud parents of three children; Melonie, James and Cameron and reside in Glynn County, Georgia, on St. Simons Island. Alex and his family attend Christ Church Frederica, where he has served as a member of the Vestry.